

SFERTF 10th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

2003 marks the 10th anniversary of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. To celebrate this milestone, it is proposed that a special meeting of the Task Force be held on December 2-3, 2003 in Miami. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the future of ecosystem restoration in South Florida, and the goals and priorities of the Task Force for the next decade, guided by lessons from the first ten years of experience. The features of this meeting are proposed as follows:

SURVEY OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDER LEADERS:

In preparation for the anniversary meeting, Task Force members and a representative group of stakeholder leaders would be interviewed to identify major challenges, accomplishments, and lessons of the Task Force during the past decade. The survey would also include questions about future goals and priorities of the Task Force. A summary of the results of the survey and a document summarizing the history of the Task Force would be prepared as background material for the anniversary meeting.

LESSONS LEARNED REVIEW: During a portion of the first afternoon of the Task Force meeting, a special session would be held to review the findings of the survey and identify the most important lessons learned from the first ten years of the Task Force that are relevant to the future. Such issues as planning, science-coordination, funding, conflict-management, and public outreach would be discussed in order to identify important principles and effective practices.

10TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET: The purpose of the banquet is to celebrate accomplishments to date and to recognize the many kinds of contributions that have been made to ecosystem restoration planning and coordination in South Florida. The event would include a prominent speaker and persons who have worked with or assisted the Task Force during its first decade.

TASK FORCE "DIRECTIONS" DISCUSSION: The morning session of the second day would be devoted to discussions on the strategic direction of the Task Force for the next decade. This meeting would engage Task Force members in a "big picture" discussion of the major challenges, goals, and priorities of the Task Force. This session could include a major speaker, a summary of lessons learned and guiding principles from the previous days meeting, a panel of stakeholder representatives, and member discussions. The results of this meeting would be used to help guide additional strategic planning by the Task Force.